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SUBJ: DEPOSITION

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM LAW OFFICE OF JAMES A. KADDO, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING CASE OF YANGO JOHN, PLAINTIFF VERSUS JOSE FELICIANO, DEFENDANTS. CALIFORNIA LAW OFFICE HAS DESIGNATED AS ASSOCIATE COUNSEL IN SOUTH AFRICA ONE SIDNEY HURWITZ TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS. HURWITZ HAS ARRANGED FOR TRANSCRIBER TO TAKE DOWN TESTIMONY AND REDUCE SAME TO WRITING PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS FORWARDED BY SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BY COURT ORDER DEPOSITIONS TO TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 11, AT 9 AM AND CONTINUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE FINISHED. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE CALLS FOR SEVEN WITNESSES TO APPEAR. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THERE WILL BE OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF. ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT, FELICIANO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ANOTHER COUNSEL PRESENT.
2. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT HURWITZ ENVISAGES TESTIMONY COULD TAKE FROM TWO TO THREE DAYS. AS MATTER OF FACT, FACILITIES WITHIN AMCONGEN ARE SUCH THAT WE ARE UNABLE ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY TRANSCRIBER. THERE IS SIMPLY NO SPACE AVAILABLE COMPLETELY DISRUPTIVE TO NORMAL OPERATIONS. LAW OFFICE OF HURWITZ HAS OFFERED USE OF A CONFERENCE ROOM, AND IF WE INTERPRET 7 FAM, 814.2 POST JURISDICTION CORRECTLY, DEPOSITION COULD BE TAKEN OUTSIDE PREMISESHURESENTLY OCCUPIED BY OURSEQMVES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPARTMENT COULD CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING
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OF THE REGULATION AND ADVISE ASAP.

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